

I am angry to learn of the decision recently made by Sinclair Broadcasting to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary just days before the election. This is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When large companies control the airwaves, there is a danger that programming will reflect the partisan views of executives in the central office rather than present substantive news about issues that local communities truly care about.

Sinclair's actions show why media ownership rules need to be strengthened, not weakened. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than returning a postcard in the U.S. mail. Thank you for your consideration.